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TASK FORCE ON I.T. SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Task Force on Information and Technology Software Development was set up by the Planning Commission in 1998;

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof and the details of the recommendations implemented by the Government so far;

(c) the plan outlay worked out for the Ninth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the manner in which the plan outlay has been utilised so far for development and promotion of Information Technology in India?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): The National Task Force on Information Technology & Software Development was set up vide Prime Minister`s Office Notification No.360/31/C/10/98-ES.II dated 22.5.98.

(b): The main recommendations of the Task Force related to fiscal incentives, procedural simplifications, manpower development, reforms in telecommunication sector, cyber laws, venture capital fund and banking sector. The latest status of implementation of the 108 recommendations of the Part-I of the report are as below:

Implemented	=	64
Not implemented	=	4
Not accepted	=	3
On going	=	37
Total	:	108

(c): There is a Budgetary support of Rs.542.37 crores for the IX Five Year Plan.

(d): The following major schemes for development and promotion of IT has been initiated during the IX Plan:-

- e-commerce
- Y2K Mitigation Process
- Setting up of Venture Capital Fund for IT industry
- e-governance
- Super Computing Technology and Application
- Education and Research Network (ERNET)
- Language Technology Development
- Internet Based Distance Education
- Standarisation in IT.
- Software Capability enhancement
- Community Information Centres in North East